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IN REPLY REFER TO

Project Planning Branch

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Corps of Engineers, Nashville District (Corps), is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a proposed disposal area associated with the construction project for seepage rehabilitation at Wolf Creek Dam, Lake Cumberland, Russell County, Kentucky.

Wolf Creek Dam which forms Lake Cumberland, completed in the early 1950s, was built on a karst geology using accepted engineering practices of the day. Since the 1960s seepage through the dam's foundation has been a concern. Repairs have been implemented at various times including grout injection into the foundation and installing a diaphragm wall through about two thirds of the earthen embankment. A comprehensive plan for repairs, including an Environmental Assessment with a signed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was approved in July 2005. These repairs are currently under way.

Recently it has been recognized that the existing disposal area may not have sufficient workable capacity. Another area for disposal area has been proposed for disposal use should it be needed. This area, 7.2 acres (approximate), has been used for disposal in past dam repairs. See the enclosed maps for approximate location.

Alternatives being evaluated are No Action (deny the use of the area as disposal) and allow the use of the area for disposal.

By way of this letter, we are soliciting comments from the public; federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate impacts of these proposed activities.

This letter also serves to initiate the public involvement requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Section

106, implemented by regulations at 36 CFR 800, requires the Corps of Engineers to consider the effects of its undertakings on historic properties. If required, appropriate architectural and archaeological investigations will be conducted within those areas affected by the proposed activities and resulting findings will be coordinated with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer and other offices as necessary.

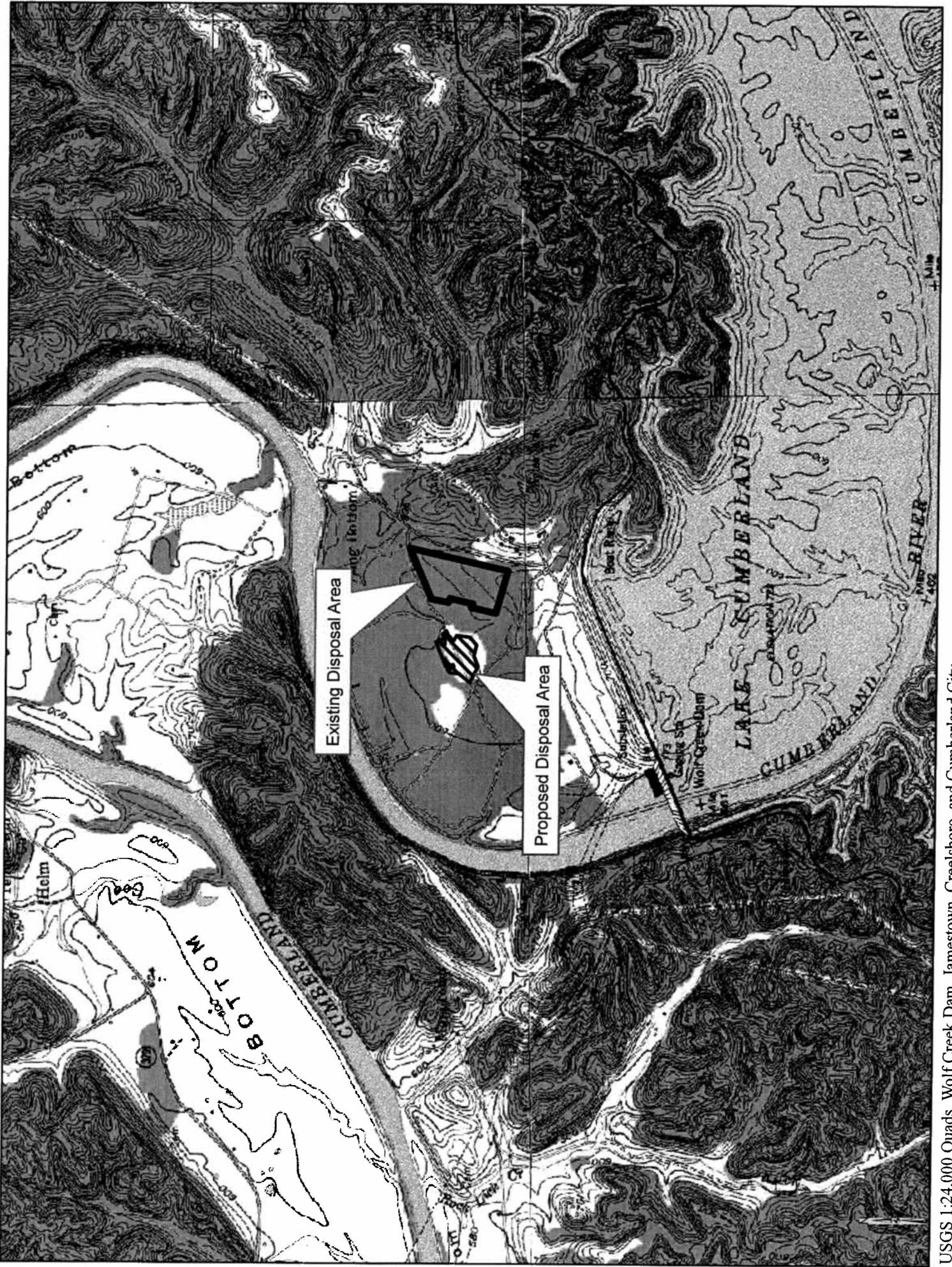
Maps of the proposed project area are enclosed for your benefit. If you have any information, comments, or questions, please contact Chip Hall by writing to the above address or by calling (615) 736-7666. Please submit your comments no later than 30 days from the above date to assure evaluation and inclusion in the process. Your participation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

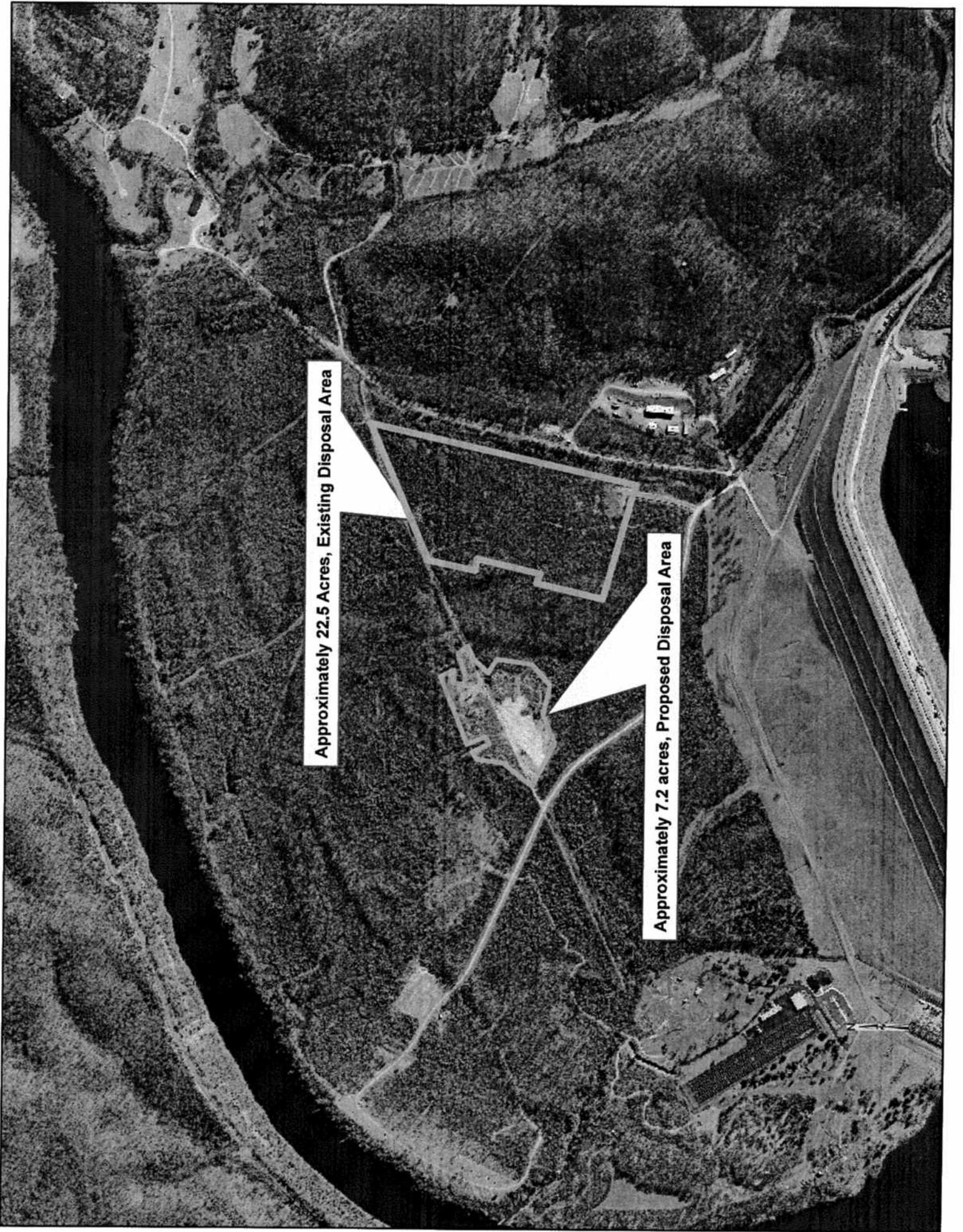


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Enclosure



USGS 1:24,000 Quads, Wolf Creek Dam, Jamestown, Creelsboro, and Cumberland City



Approximately 22.5 Acres, Existing Disposal Area

Approximately 7.2 acres, Proposed Disposal Area